

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 10, and 20-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Barton (U.S. Patent No. 6,501,195). Claims 2-9 and 11-18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 19 was indicated as being allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks provided herein.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

2. Claims 1, 10, and 20-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Barton. Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of independent claims 1, 10, and 20 of the instant application in view of Barton. Nevertheless, in order to move prosecution of the instant application forward, Applicant has herein amended independent claims 1, 10 and 20 to incorporate the 5 Volt power tap limitation of claims 2 and 11, which claims were indicated as being allowable by the Examiner. In other words, claim 1, as amended, is essentially claim 2 re-written in independent form and claim 10, as amended, is essentially claim 11 re-written in independent form. Claim 20 has been amended to restrict the recited voltage power tap to be a 5 Volt power tap, which 5 Volt power tap limitation was indicated as being allowable by the Examiner with respect to claims 2 and 11.

Applicant intends to file a continuation application to continue prosecution with respect to previously presented claims 1, 11, and 20 (i.e., such claims without the 5 Volt power tap limitation).

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments to claims 1, 10, and 20, Applicant submits that claims 1, 10, and 20 are now in proper condition for allowance and respectfully requests that claims 1, 10, and 20 be passed to allowance.

Claims 3-9, 12-18, and 21-25 depend upon claims 1 and 10, which claims have been shown allowable above. Therefore, since claims 3-9, 12-18, and 21-25 each introduce additional subject matter that, when considered in the context of the recitations of their respective base claim, constitutes patentable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3-9, 12-18, and 21-25 are in proper condition for allowance.

Allowed Claims

3. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claim 19 as originally filed.

Other Amendments to the Claims

4. Applicant has herein amended independent claim 1 and dependent claims 12 and 13 to correct a minor informalities contained therein. Applicant also amended dependent claims 3-9, 12-19, and 25 to correct their respective dependencies in view of the cancellation of claims 2 and 11 and the amendments to claims 1 and 10 to incorporate the limitations of claims 2 and 11, respectively. Lastly, dependent claim 22 has been amended to clarify the structure of the power cord of the computer for the system recited in such claim. None of these amendments were intended to narrow the claims in any manner or were made for any purpose related to patentability. In addition, Applicant submits that none of these amendments require any further search or consideration by the Examiner. Applicant submits that all such claim amendments are fully supported by Applicant's originally filed specification.

5. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, facsimile or email if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the instant application. Please charge any necessary fees associated herewith, including extension of time fees (if applicable and not paid by separate check), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1111.

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